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PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Vital statistics, month of January, 1904.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres, reports, February 1, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows:

Summary of transactions of Service during the month of January, 1904.

Vessels inspected.....	15
Bills of health issued.....	22
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	53
In transit.....	413
Crew inspected.....	802
Vessels in quarantine.....	7
Immigrants inspected.....	29
Rejections.....	0
Passengers detained in quarantine.....	6
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	0

SPAIN.

Smallpox epidemic in Madrid—Measures to secure vaccination of emigrants to the United States.

Vice-Consul Danziger, at Madrid, reports, January 20, as follows:

In view of the fact that the smallpox epidemic in Madrid has shown no sign of abatement, but has in fact greatly increased in mortality results, and in further view that emigration from this district to the United States is growing more frequent, I have this day instructed the Transatlantic Steamship Company in this city not to issue tickets to intending emigrants to the United States unless such emigrants produce a certificate of vaccination. My action was prompted by the instructions contained in the various laws enacted by Congress forwarded to me by the Department for my guidance.

I was told at the company's office that emigrants are "bunched" at Barcelona and certificates issued there. As emigrants leaving for the United States go from this city to Barcelona to embark immediately, I deemed it my duty to prevent, firstly, a breach of the law by the steamship company; secondly, to see that emigrants comply with the law by the production of a certificate of actual and successful vaccination, which can be done best here, as going to Barcelona and being "bunched" must result in a defeat of this law, enacted by Congress for this purpose; and, lastly, if the emigrants who desire to embark immediately are to be vaccinated by a physician at Barcelona they must necessarily be put to the inconvenience of losing time and money, since it is impossible to tell by examination whether a person carries the germs of smallpox.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Lourenço Marquez*.—Month of November, 1903. Estimated population, 7,000. Total number of deaths, 65, including 11 from tuberculosis.

AUSTRIA—*Brunn*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated popula-

tion, 95,342. Total number of deaths, 189, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 1, and 39 from tuberculosis.

BRITISH GUIANA—*Demerara*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated population, 36,567. Total number of deaths, 175, including 30 from tuberculosis.

CANADA—*Ontario—Hamilton*.—Month of January, 1904. Estimated population, 57,000. Total number of deaths, 96, including scarlet fever 1, and 10 from tuberculosis.

Quebec—Sherbrooke.—Month of January, 1904. Estimated population, 12,000. Total number of deaths, 15, including 2 from diphtheria.

CHILE—*Antofagasta*.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated population, 8,000. Total number of deaths, 59, including smallpox 3, and 9 from tuberculosis.

FRANCE—*St. Etienne*.—Two weeks ended January 15, 1904. Estimated population, 146,671. Total number of deaths, 166, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, whooping cough 1, and 23 from tuberculosis.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended January 23, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 18.1 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 15,271,425.

London.—One thousand five hundred and forty-nine deaths were registered during the week, including measles 46, scarlet fever 10, diphtheria 10, whooping cough 29, enteric fever 5, and diarrhea 25. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 17.4 per 1,000. In Greater London 2,143 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 6 from diphtheria, 4 from measles, 1 from scarlet fever, and 2 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended January 23, 1904, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 23.9 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,093,289. The lowest rate was recorded in Sligo, viz, 4.8, and the highest in Kilkenny, viz, 44.2 per 1,000. In Dublin and suburbs 195 deaths were registered, including enteric fever 3, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 5, and 37 from tuberculosis.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended January 23, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 19.8 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,726,236. The lowest rate of mortality was recorded in Greenock, viz, 12, and the highest in Perth, viz, 26.2 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 655, including diphtheria 3, measles 19, scarlet fever 1, smallpox 2, and 11 from whooping cough.

JAPAN—*Nagasaki*.—Ten days ended January 10, 1904. Estimated population, 148,883. Number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

JAVA—Batavia.—Two weeks ended December 26, 1903. Estimated population, 160,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Five deaths from smallpox reported.

ST. HELENA.—Three weeks ended January 9, 1903. Estimated population, 4,000. Total number of deaths, 3, including 1 from tuberculosis.

SPAIN—Barcelona.—Ten days ended January 20, 1904. Estimated population, 600,000. Total number of deaths, 376, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 7, whooping cough 1, smallpox 5, and 40 from tuberculosis.

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, December 26, 1903, to February 19, 1904.

[Reports received by the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, from United States consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

[For reports received from June 27, 1903, to December 25, 1903, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 25, 1903.]

CHOLERA.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Afghanistan:				
Herat.....	Dec. 12.....	.....	.....	Present.
China:				
Shanghai.....	Dec. 18.....	1	.....	On Br. ss. Olivebank.
India:				
Bombay.....	Dec. 9-15.....	.....	1	
Calcutta.....	Nov. 15-Dec. 12.....	.....	144	
Madras.....	Nov. 14-Dec. 4.....	.....	6	
Japan:				
Nagasaki.....	Nov. 21-30.....	.....	1	
Philippine Islands:				
Manila.....	Oct. 31-Jan. 2.....	43	39	
Provinces.....	.....do.....	1,254	1,030	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Nov. 8-Dec. 19.....	.....	12	
Turkey:				
Bagdad—				
Hitt.....	Dec. 13-15.....	8	4	
Kerbela.....	Dec. 12-Jan. 4.....	.....	458	
Mossul.....	Dec. 21-Jan. 4.....	1	1	
Musseieb.....	Dec. 17-Jan. 4.....	48	35	
Beirut—				
Latakiah.....	Dec. 21-Jan. 4.....	11	7	
Diarbekir—				
Diarbekir.....	Dec. 12-Jan. 4.....	64	43	
Syria.....	Nov. 29-Dec. 5.....	.....	.....	Present.

YELLOW FEVER.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Africa:				
Ivory Coast, Grand Bassam	Dec. 12.....	.....	.....	Present.
Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 23-Jan. 10.....	9	5	
Colombia:				
Cartagena.....	Nov. 23-30.....	.....	1	
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil.....	Dec. 6-12.....	.....	1	
Jamaica:				
Kingston.....	Dec. 27-Jan. 9.....	2	2	
Mexico:				
Ciudad Victoria.....	Dec. 6-19.....	4	2	
Merida.....	Dec. 6-Jan. 30.....	14	4	
Tehuantepec.....	.....do.....	.....	4	Two new cases.
Vera Cruz.....	Dec. 13-Jan. 30.....	10	3	
Panama:				
Panama.....	Jan. 4-Jan. 16.....	4	1	
Venezuela:				
La Guaira.....	Jan. 2-9.....	.....	1	
Maracaibo.....	Oct. 25-Dec. 27.....	2	2	